CHAPTER 222.

An Acr to relinquish the right of the State to certain Lands therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry citizens of this state, have heretofore located warrants, and obtained patents for lands included within the lands reserved for the use of the state, lying westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegany county; And whereas the titles of said patentees, and of those claiming under them, are of doubtful validity—Therefore,

State right relinquished. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the right of this state, in and to the lands lying within the said reserve, for which patents may have at any time heretofore been granted, and the patentees thereof and those claiming under them, are in possession of the same respectively, be, and the same is hereby released, and the titles of the said patentees and of those claiming under them respectively, be, and the same are hereby confirmed to them, their heirs and assigns.

CHAPTER 226.

An Acr relating to the acknowledgments and effect of Deeds made by Corporate Bodies.

See 1715, ch. 47, ante page 35.

How to be acknowledged.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every deed which shall hereafter be made by any corporate body, for the conveyance, alienation, mortgage, release, assignment, transfer or sale, of any lands, tenements, goods, chattels, rights, claims or effects within this state, or of any estate, claim or interest therein, may be acknowledged before the person or persons authorized by law to take the acknowledgments of similar deeds made by individuals, by attorney constituted and authorized by a clause in such deed, or by letter of attorney under the seal of such corporate body; and every such deed which shall hereafter be so acknowledged and recorded according to law, shall be deemed and construed in law and in equity as valid and effectual, and of as much force in conveying, mortgaging, selling, assigning, transferring and releasing any estate, right, title, interest or claim therein expressed, or thereby intended to be conveyed, aliened, mortgaged, sold, assigned, transferred or released, as if such deed had been or were duly executed and acknowledged by any individual citizen of this state having or being seized, possed* or entitled to the same estate, right, interest or claim as such corporate body in and to such lands, tenements, goods, chattels, rights, claims or effects, and recorded agreeably to law.

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